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TAGS: EMIN, EINV, JM

SUBJECT: REVERE SHUTDOWN: PM TO MEET WITH REVERE VP

REF: KINGSTON 2579

1. AMBASSADOR

MCALLED DOUGLAS FLETCHER EVENING JULY 7

TO REQUEST HIS URGENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETING

BETWEEN REVERE AND SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS, EXPLAINING

THAT HE WAS CONCERNED BY APPARENT LACK OF COMMUNICATION

BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND FELT A REVERE SHUTDOWN WOULD

BE MOST UNFORTUNATE FOR ALL CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY

WHILE OPPORTUNITY STILL EXISTED FOR THOROUGH AIRING

OF ALTERNATIVES WHICH COULD RESULT IN MUTUALLY AGREED

BASIS FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF PLANT. FLETCHER SAID

EH AGREED TOTALLY AND WOULD DO HIS BEST TO GET THE

NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED.

2. NEIL O'DONNELL, REVERE VP AND LOCAL MANAGING

DIRECTOR, CALLED AMBASSADOR EARLY THIS MORNING TO

INFORM US THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED REQUEST FROM

PM'S OFFICE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHUTDOWN BE STOPPED,

AND THAT HE AND LOCAL COUNSEL MEET AT NOON TODAY WITH

PAT ROUSSEAU, FLETCHER'S LAW PARTNER AND BAUXITE

COMMISSION MEMBER, AND THEN WITH PM MANLEY AT 2:00

PM. O'DONNELL HAS CONSULTED HIS PRINCIPALS IN US

AND WILL ATTEND TODAY'S MEETINGS.

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3. COMMENT: HOPEFULLY, WITH DOUGLAS FLETCHER'S
HELP, WE HAVE GOTTEN THE TWO SIDES TALKING AGAIN.
MANLEY, WHO WAS TO HAVE LEFT TODAY ON A STATE VISIT
CUBA BUT NOW HAS DELAYED HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL TOMORROW,
UNDOUBTEDLY DID NOT RELISH THE PROSPECT OF THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF A REVERE SHUTDOWN WHILE HE WAS OFF
VISITING HIS COMMUNIST NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH. UNLESS
MANLEY IS HELL-BENT ON A SHOWDOWN, WE WOULD EXPECT
HIM TO ASK REVERE TODAY FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS'
DELAY IN ANY SHUTDOWN ACTION TO AFFORD MORE TIME FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. HE WILL NOT RETURN FROM CUBA
UNTIL JULY 13. GERARD

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